# **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### 4 FEBRUARY 2015

## NOTTINGHAM LOCAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

### 1. Purpose

This Committee is asked to consider and comment on the Nottingham Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. Feedback from the Committee will be incorporated into a final version of the Strategy prior to its submission to Executive Board and Full Council.

### 2. <u>Action required</u>

This Committee is asked to consider and comment on the Nottingham Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.

### 3. Background

- 3.1 The Flood and Water Management Act 2010 clarified and amended the roles and responsibilities of organisations involved in flood risk management and introduced a significant new role for Nottingham City Council as 'Lead Local Flood Authority' (LLFA). The new responsibilities introduced include:
  - Responsibility for managing flood risk from 'local' sources, which includes surface water, minor ('ordinary') watercourses and groundwater,
  - Developing, maintaining, applying and monitoring a strategy for local flood risk management (a 'local flood risk management strategy'),
  - Investigating flood incidents to identify the organisation with relevant flood risk management functions,
  - Developing and maintaining a register of flood risk management assets and features,
  - Acting as the Sustainable Drainage Systems Approval Body (SAB) for new developments1.
- 3.2 Included as part of the Strategy is the Nottingham Local Flood Risk Management Strategy and the Public Summary for Consultation, both of which are included in the appendices to the report.
- 3.3 In line with statutory requirements, the above documents were made available for public and statutory consultation for 8 weeks between 1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This legislation has been superseded by Government's recent announcement to strengthen the National Planning Policy Framework and make Lead Local Flood Authorities a statutory consultee to the planning process

December 2014 and 30 January 2015 and a summary of public responses will be made available to members at the Committee meeting on 4 February.

# 4. List of attached information

Appendix 1 – Report of the Director of Planning and Transport Appendix 2 – Nottingham Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Appendix 3 – Nottingham Local Flood Risk Management Strategy: Public Summary for Consultation

### 5. <u>Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing</u> <u>exempt or confidential information</u>

None

## 6. Published documents referred to in compiling this report

None.

# 7. Wards affected

City-wide

## 8. <u>Contact information</u>

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